

## Early Flowers Serve As Prelude to Floral Beauty in Carolina

Old Orton Plantation  
Already Attracting  
Pre-Spring Visitors

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 25.—This year as never before North Carolina passed over barren winter and merited from brilliant fall to blossoming spring in one of the wildest profusions of flowers ever seen this early.

Already attracting hundreds of visitors is famous old Orton, 12,000-acre plantation established in 1755 on the Cape Fear River between Wilmington and Southport. Here flower lovers view one of the finest remaining examples of Colonial plantation homes in America, and meander down miles of walkways shaded by moss-draped oaks, Japanese plum trees, tea olives, holly and yew. The formal garden includes 350 varieties of camellias, considered by many the best private collection in the country, and later the azaleas in a riot of color.

Nearby are the ruins of the graveyard of "King" Roger Moore, original owner of Orton, ruins of St. Phillips Church and of Gov. Tryon's palace, nearly hidden by thickets of smilax and Virginia creepers; holly and dogwood, mimosa and crepe myrtle. January and February are the peak months for camellias, and March and April for the azaleas.

### Pilgrimage in April

Near Wilmington, too, is Airle garden, open during the North Carolina garden pilgrimage, which this year takes place early in April. The garden tour will cover the entire State and will consist of the height of blossoming in each section and with a number of local garden shows and other flower events. It is routed to visit historic as well as modern gardens and will include more than two dozen cities.

From tropical Bald Head Island with its Sabal palmettos and great magnolia grandifloras to the coast of Southport, the blossoming season moves northward to Terra Ceia and tulipland. Here during Easter week the bright yellow and red tulips stretch for miles, intermingled with their rarer green, white and black brothers, and tulips become king of a two-day festival characterized by Dutch costumes, street dances, parades and a coronation ball.

From tulips the floral parade passes to the dogwoods of Chapel Hill, seat of the State university, where a spring festival is held in the midst of North Carolina's most noted arboretum. At nearby Duke University the beautiful Sarah P. Duke Memorial Gardens start to bloom the latter part of February with thousands of jonquils and crocuses, and seasonal flowering continues throughout the spring and summer until chrysanthemum time in late October. Situated as it is in the South's most beautiful campus, the gardens draw thousands of visitors each year.

In the sandhills section, around Pinehurst and Southern Pines, sight-seers motor through miles and miles of blooming peach trees bordered by Carolina pines, as spring makes its triumphal entrance to North Carolina's winter resort section.

Gladiolus Gardens Next. Winston-Salem next takes the spotlight with its gladiolus gardens at Reynolda, containing hundreds of beautiful varieties, many of them rare. In this Piedmont area are found the handsome Indian paintbrush, Atamasco lily, heath aster and evening primrose. Next comes Morganton's mimosa time, when thousands of the purple blooms permeate the air with their exotic perfume.

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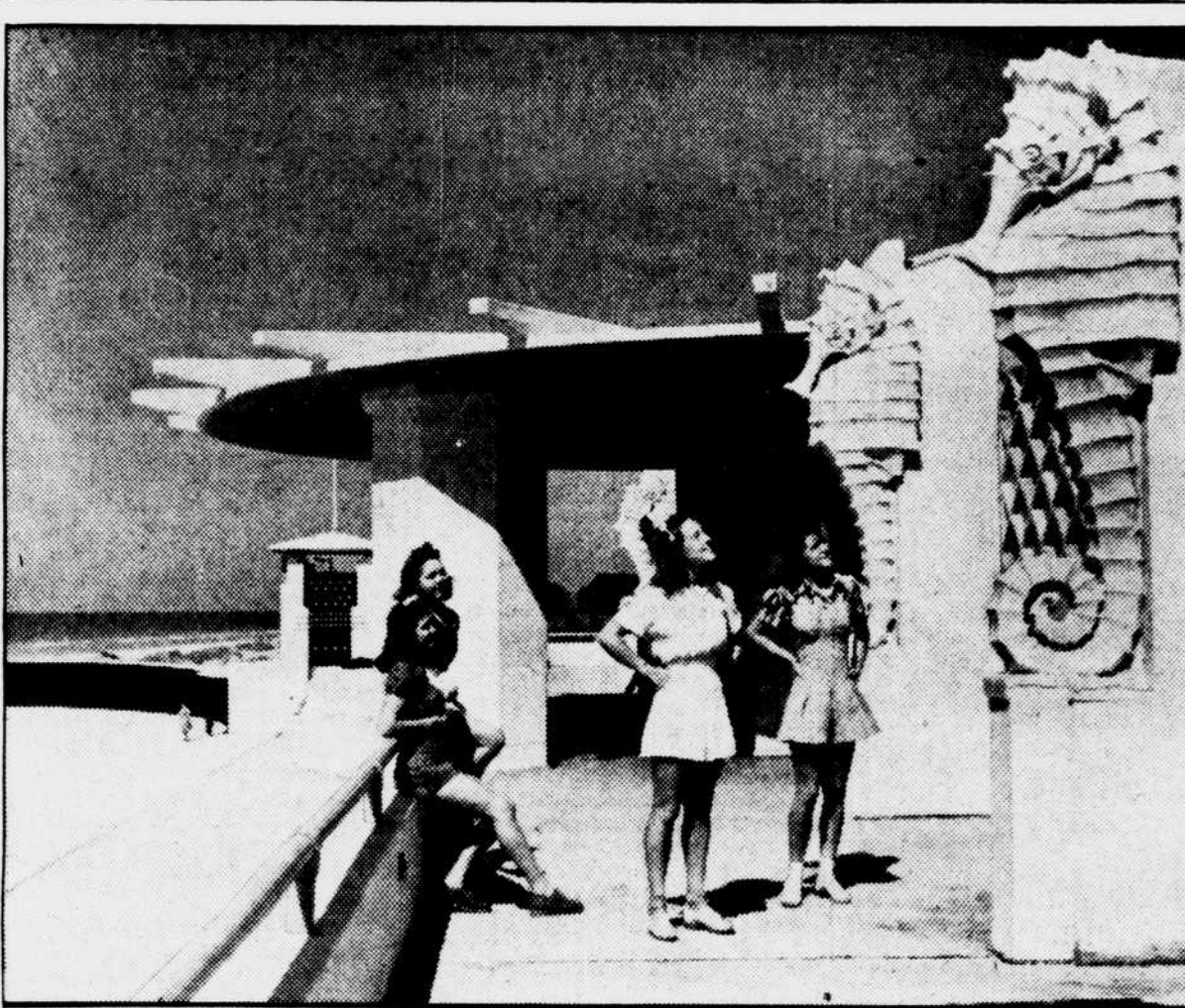
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fume for miles and gives the signal for the colorful Mimosa Festival. Shortly thereafter, the first mountain blossoms will herald the belated arrival of spring in the uplands. On the lower slopes, laurel and rhododendron will put forth blossoms and, as the season progresses, the blooming will develop both according to the seasonal varieties and the elevation of the plants.

By June, color will creep steadily up the mountain side and around June 15 it will sweep to the natural gardens of North Carolina's "balds." Some of these balds, notably Craggy Mountain, are covered with hundreds of acres of rhododendron plants. In June North Carolina has its Rhododendron Festival at Asheville, to celebrate the arrival of the blossoms and the coming of the new season.

Meantime, the mountain azaleas have arrived and appear as brilliant patches of the mountain sides. In some cases (such as at Wayah Bald) the azaleas occur in great masses, of such fiery brilliance that the mountaintops appear to be aflame.

In addition to these distinctive plants, North Carolina has many plant communities interesting both to the botanist and the flower lover. Notably, the exclusive Venus flytrap, which in May puts forth a showy blossom. This curious plant is found only in Brunswick County, in Southeast North Carolina. Interesting also is the dune country, where yew form dense brakes and American olive, red bay, holly, Gordonia, the myrtle and a host of wild flowers are found. This section offers a bewildering variety because in it are found mudflats, sandbanks, pocosins, swamps, bogs and savannas, with the resultant exotic and tropical growths.



SARASOTA'S CENTER OF ENTERTAINMENT—The Sarasota-Lido, municipally owned \$500,000 attraction on the Gulf of Mexico, which opened this season to visitors. Its tropical-toned 12 units, including a standard A. A. U. pool, dancing and cocktail lounges, restaurant, soda bar, and other entertainment facilities, are styled in modernistic theme and cover more than 6 acres of beach front.

## The Traveler's Notebook

Scribbles About Montevideo's 'Upside Down' Building, Mardi Gras of the North, Trophy of Famed Packet Race, Tips on Picture Taking

By JACQUES FUTELLE, Jr.,  
Travel Editor

Scribbles: Lauretides, one of Canada's loveliest parks, begins just 30 miles from Quebec City, and covers 4,000 square miles.

The colloquial name "scuttle" is used for the octopus by Bermudians; also, instead of scaling a fish, they "flea" it, and call the giant Bermuda crayfish "lobsters."

A new airport at Miami, Fla., to be known as the Miami International Air Terminal, is being rushed for completion by July 1. Two and a half million dollars are being spent on the field, runways, etc., while projected buildings will bring another \$6,500,000. The airport will be the home base of a fleet of strato-clippers operated by Pan-American Airways and also will serve Eastern Airlines. Applying for space are the proposed trans-Atlantic services of American Export Air Lines and Southern, a proposed Baltimore-Miami service.

Chicago, airlines "hub" of the United States, from which planes of eight airlines fan out to the four corners of the country, will have a mile-square airport when the railroad tracks that now bisect the field are removed this spring.

The name of the desert tree, Palo Verde, means "green wood" in Spanish.

One of the strangest structures in South America is the "upside down" building known as the Palacio Salvo, in Uruguay's beautiful capital, Montevideo. It is 26 floors high, the top 14 stories bulging out beyond the supporting first 12 stories. The effect, while unusual, is attractive.

No need to be mystified by the transportation symbol "AGWI Lines." Translated, it means "Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Lines."

Preserved as historic landmarks by the Daughters of the American Revolution are sugar vats and a cane mill, operated by water power, at DeLeon Springs, seven miles from De Land, Fla. The facilities were used by the Indians and pioneer central Florida colonists.

Long famous as the "mardi gras of the north," the St. Paul (Minn.) winter carnival opens February 1 for a nine-day run. Snow and ice sport fans of many States and Canada are expected to take part in the exhibit.

Anticipating a shortage of cadets as labor is drawn to defense projects in the Old Point Comfort area, the Chamberlain Country Club is ready to roll out special carts, built for carrying golf bags. Guided by handles similar to bicycle handlebars, the carts may be pushed or pulled by the players.

Pre-historic Indians of New Mexico used a saturated solution of salt water and intense heat to give the glaze on pottery.

Boriquen means land of the brave men and was the Indian name for Puerto Rico. It also is the name of one of the modern ships of the Puerto Rico line, serving the island. But after the ship had been christened, its name printed boldly on the sides of the vessel and thousands of folders about the ship and its officers had been run off, one of the officers of the line found a guide book spelling the name Boriquen.

### Mass Production Methods Harvest Frog Legs

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 25.—Thirty-six Seminole Indians are reaping a bonanza 15 miles from Miami's bright lights these starry nights hunting frogs in Miami's Everglades to feed Miami's tourist horde. Miami's tourist palate for frog legs is so acute that last week Capt. Tom's Fish Market here paid Willie Osceola \$700 cash for skinned frog legs and calls for more.

Willie Osceola has torn a leaf from the Nation's text books of mass production and applied it to his frog-hunting expeditions. Instead of a dugout, Willie now uses flat-bottom barges about 8 feet square which draw only 1 inch of water. Instead of paddling them, he has an airplane propeller and an automobile motor on the rear of each, which skim the shallow Everglades at 30 miles per hour. Instead of catching frogs in the daytime, he uses powerful automobile searchlights and works hilariously yanking Seminoles all night long catching frogs with a loop on the end of a pole. The spotlight blinds 'em and Willie and his gang do the rest.

After an all-night junket in the Everglades—and sometimes it's a whole week before they come back—Willie and his boys "take the pants" off the frogs—skinning 'em—and send the hind legs and first joint to the Miami markets.

commercial center and is practically at sea level. The new portion is built on a ledge about 195 feet above. Here are the fine parks, residences, theaters and shopping district. The two portions of the city are joined by three main highways, funiculars and specially built elevators.

Mexico has many native teas, besides the Chinese or Indian variety. They are made from herbs, leaves of trees, from seeds and flowers, and one of the most popular is the greenish yellow, fragrant and delicate brew from the young leaves of the orange tree. Teas from mint and peppermint find favor with tourists, especially when iced in the summer-time.

Frank W. Laurensen, expert cameraman who has watched the success and failure of shutters of varying degrees of skill operating in South America, gives this tip: "The most common fault of pictures made by travelers in South America is overexposure. The light is especially intense around the Equator; on the beaches of Rio and even the pampas of Argentina it is deceptively bright. Work with a light meter if you have one. If you do not, make several shots of the same scene at different shutter speeds and openings, keep a record of them and after the film is developed, you'll have a basis for your future work. A good medium yellow filter is important; a light yellow is not strong enough."

Santiago, capital of Chile, will begin in February a six-month celebration of the founding of the city by Pedro de Valdivia 400 years ago—on February 21, 1541.

Going downtown is more than a figure of speech in Bahia, first capital of Brazil. The old part of the city, now known as Sao Salvador, includes the markets and the

### Sport Fishermen Try Winter Codfishing

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 25.—Codfishing, long monopolized here by the commercial men, is becoming popular as a winter pastime for the sport fishermen.

The fish are running larger than usual this season, averaging between 10 and 14 pounds, and are being brought back in large quantities by both groups.

Codfishing for sport means bottom-fishing. Equipment includes rod and reel and a 32-thread line. Hooks are No. 80, somewhat larger than a weakfish barb. The fish are caught over wrecks a few miles off shore and when hooked provide the same thrill as a weakfish, croaker or kingfish, although they generally are heavier.

### Sail Skiing Innovation

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Jan. 25.—Sail skiing is an innovation at Sun Valley this year, and no one has to be a crack skier to try. With a specially made sail attached to his back and wrist, a skier can swoop down any one of 9,200-foot Baldy Mountain's practically limitless snowfields, controlling his speed with his arms.

Germany has over 14,000 automotive vehicles operating with wood gas, compared with 1,000 before the war.

## Smart Set in Florida Answers Appeal of Bright Colors

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 25.—Rivalling the exotic hibiscus, poinsettia, allamanda and lush verdure of the sub-tropics the smart set in Florida is blossoming out in a color riot of reds, greens, blues and yellows.

Cottons splashed with giant flowers in gorgeous hues that blend with sunny settings of sea shore, palm-bordered promenades, sports courts and yacht decks are favored by the fair sex, while the males are going native in dazzling prints that presage a glorious fashion future for men.

Milday's frocks and playsets are going completely South American in subtle and not so subtle colors extending to both ends of the spectrum. Popular, too, are smart colors fashioned of linen in natural shade, with colorfully blended contrasting belts, handbags and hats.

Turbans in summery colors, feathery light straws in classic casual styles or broad-brimmed bonnets for special afternoon functions, are fashion's dictates for milady's pretty head.

On the beach the ensemble is the thing, from suit to coat in matching materials. A very wearable type is the two-piece cotton suit which comes with a matching beach coat and matching skirt, the latter being rather nice to slip over the suit after a morning's sun bath and save having to dress for lunch.

The patriotic and nautical motif is prevalent also, red, white and blue combinations, stars, stripes and anchors, adorning sailor collars.

They are a brilliant lot, these tropical wear formulas, with striking patterns in splashy colors, on white grounds. To the delight of their women folk, the men are bursting out in color too, not only in swimming trunks but in beach robes, ponchos, shorts, shirts and ties.

Hawaiian, Javanese, American Indian and South American prints compete with the bright sunshine in creating a gay atmosphere on the beaches.

Terrycloth blazers, and short terrycloth beach jackets of hip length, in plain, striped or checked patterns are popular.

Sports shirts, favorites are novelty cotton meshes and knitted basque shirts, with round neckline and short sleeves, in stripes, checks and plaids.

Corduroy slacks, and occasionally, corduroy shirts may be spotted around the smart shore clubs.

For fishing, and also golfing, cotton water-repellent suits in various colors are considered not only the sensible but the fashionable get-up.

And speaking again of colors, here are what many style-wise men are wearing: Sandune, a tanish yellow seen principally in slacks, but

also in shirts, neckwear, sports socks and hat bands; Bahamian coral, a soft coral chiefly for slacks; Nassau green, the bluish green of southern waters for slacks and shorts; and then there's a decidedly reddish tan for suits which cut a real swath on the boulevards.

### Tampa's Latin Carnival Serves as Fair Prelude

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 25.—Tampa during the coming weeks will be in the Florida spotlight. The annual Latin Carnival, which opened today will continue through February 1. Climaxing event of this celebration will take place Wednesday night with the election and coronation of Queen Latin America IX at an outdoor public fiesta in the Latin quarter.

A feature of the carnival will be the transformation of West Tampa into Latin colony where shopkeepers, merchants, tradesmen and artists, will wear native dress and welcome visitors in the fashions of Havana, Mexico City, Rio de Janeiro and old Spain.

Sidewalk cafes, street singing and dancing, music, rumbas and entertainment imported from the tropics will complete the picture.

Beginning Tuesday, February 4

the entire State and its winter guests will join in celebrating the annual Florida State Fair which runs through February 15.

Top feature of the Florida Fair will be the Gasparilla Carnival, Monday, February 10. On this day the brig "Jose Gaspar," carrying a "ferocious" crew will invade the city and proclaim merry-making law. There will be an elaborate parade of many floats and bands from cities and counties throughout Florida. Climax of the carnival will come Tuesday night, February 11, with the crowning of the King and Queen of Gasparilla at the Municipal Auditorium.

### Fort Myers to Stage 'Pageant of Light'

FORT MYERS, Fla., Jan. 25.—Fort Myers, winter home of the late Thomas Alva Edison, will pay tribute to the great inventor with their annual "Pageant of Light," February 14, 15 and 16, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

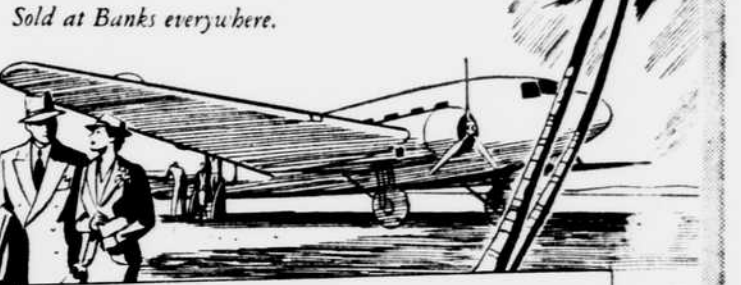
The baby parade, a new feature this year, will mark the opening on Friday, February 14. At the Coronation Ball that evening at the Municipal Auditorium the new court will be ushered to the throne by a swing-time band.

On Saturday the celebration will continue with a colorful and spectacular parade of bands and floats from all over the State.

A memorial service to Thomas Edison on Sunday will conclude the three-day fete.

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